acres of land for a county park. The residents of Washoe County have been and remain strong advocates for open space and we hope that they will take advantage of this opportunity.

Perhaps the most important change that we make to SNPLMA is a complete rewrite of the legislation's affordable housing title. While language was included in the original legislation that allows for land to be acquired at less than fair market value for the development of affordable housing, it took the BLM over 4 years to promulgate the guidelines for implementing this provision. Since that time no eligible party has successfully used these guidelines to secure land and build affordable housing anywhere in Nevada.

With an estimated 170,000 housing units needed in southern Nevada for affordable and workforce housing in the next 10 years, immediate action is needed. As a result, we have struck the largely unworkable language from the original legislation. We have replaced it with an authority allowing all legitimate interested parties to work with the BLM to pursue land for the development of affordable and workforce housing. We also take a further step and require that any parcel of Federal land over 200 acres in size that is auctioned in the Las Vegas Valley must include at least 5 percent affordable and workforce housing.

These new affordable and workforce housing provisions are by no means a complete answer to the housing crisis facing southern Nevada, but they are a step in the right direction. I applaud the work that has been done at the local and State levels to address this issue and I am committed to continuing to work on broad based solutions to ensure that we can meet the affordable housing needs in all of Nevada's communities.

The last title of this bill establishes the Great Basin National Heritage Route, Encompassing Millard County, Utah; the Duckwater Indian Reservation in Nevada; and White Pine County, Nevada, this historic area includes historic mining camps and ghost towns, Mormon and other pioneer settlements, as well as Native American passes communities. The Route through classic Great Basin country along the trails of the Pony Express and the Overland Stage. Cultural resources within the route include highly valued and culturally important Native American archaeological sites dating back to the Fremont Culture.

Designation of the corridor as a heritage route will ensure long-term protection of key educational and recreational opportunities while also bringing attention to the Great Basin's rich natural wonders like the bristlecone pine, the old living things on Earth, and the rare Bonneville cutthroat trout. In short, the Great Basin National Heritage Route will provide a framework for celebrating eastern Nevada's and western Utah's rich historic, archaeological, cultural, and nat-

ural resources for both visitors and residents

I have been proud to support the designation of the Great Basin Heritage Route for many years and have helped pass legislation through both the Senate and the House calling for establishment of the route. Unfortunately, in each instance the legislation was included in a larger package of bills that failed to reach the President for signature. Having received the approval of both bodies of Congress for this measure, it is my hope that we can finally make this route a reality as part of this comprehensive legislative package for White Pine County.

The White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2006 is an ambitious, timely and complex piece of legislation. By making long-term and forward looking improvements to public land management and the stewardship of our shared natural resources, we believe we have crafted a bill that will serve the best interests of the people of White Pine County, eastern Nevada and our entire State.

I look forward to working with the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to ensure timely review and passage of this bill.

## $\begin{array}{c} {\rm AMENDMENTS} \ {\rm SUBMITTED} \ {\rm AND} \\ {\rm PROPOSED} \end{array}$

SA 4749. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4750. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes , and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4751. Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUYE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

SA 4752. Mr. INOUYE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4753. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4754. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4755. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4758. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4760. Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4761. Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4749. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the tables; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. No funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense under title VI under the heading "DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM" may be obligated or expended unless, during the period beginning on April 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2007, the cost sharing requirements established under paragraph (6) of section 1074g(a) of title 10, United States Code, for pharmaceutical agents available through retail pharmacies covered by paragraph (2)(E)(ii) of such section do not exceed amounts as follows:

- (1) In the case of generic agents, \$3.
- (2) In the case of formulary agents, \$9.
- (3) In the case of nonformulary agents, \$22.

SA 4750. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title I and insert the following:

# TITLE I—ELIMINATION OF THE MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP

SEC. 101. ELIMINATION OF THE MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP.

- (a) ELIMINATION OF COVERAGE GAP.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 1860D-2(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(b)) is repealed.
- (B) REVISION OF BENEFIT STRUCTURE.—Section 1860D-2(b)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking "and up to the initial coverage limit under paragraph (3)" and inserting "and up to the point at which the annual out-of-pocket threshold is reached under paragraph (4)" in the matter preceding clause (i).
  - (2) Conforming amendments.-
- (A) SUPPLEMENTAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.—Section 1860D-2(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(a)(2)(A)(i)(I)) is amended—
- (i) by striking "deductible," and inserting "deductible or";

- (ii) by striking ", or an increase in the initial coverage limit"; and
  - (iii) by striking "or increase".
- (B) CATASTROPHIC.—Section 1860D—2(b)(4)(C)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w—102(b)(4)(C)(i)) is amended—
- (i) by striking "paragraph (1)," and inserting "paragraph (1) or"; and
- (ii) by striking "and for amounts for which benefits are not provided because of the application of the initial coverage limit described in paragraph (3),".
- (C) ALTERNATIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.—Section 1860D-2(c)(1)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(c)(1)(C)) is amended—
- (i) in the heading by striking "INITIAL COVERAGE LIMIT" and inserting "OUT-OF-POCKET THRESHOLD"; and
- (ii) by striking "the initial coverage limit under subsection (b)(3)" each place it appears and inserting "the out-of-pocket threshold under subsection (b)(4)".
- (D) ACCESS TO NEGOTIATED PRICES.—Section 1860D-2(d)(1)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(d)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "or an initial coverage limit (described in subsection (b)(3))".
- (E) CLAIMS INFORMATION.—Section 1860D–4(a)(4)(B)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–104(a)(4)(B)(i)) is amended by striking "relation to—" and all that follows through "the annual" and inserting "relation to the annual".
- (F) LOW-INCOME SUBSIDIES.—Section 1860D—14(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)) is amended by striking subparagraph (C) of paragraphs (1) and (2).
- (G) DEFINITION.—Section 1860D-41(a)(6) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-151(a)(6)) is repealed.
- (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 2007.
- SA 4751. Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUYE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title IX, add the following: SEC. 9012. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR

SEC. 9012. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR ARMY AND MARINE CORPS FOR EQUIPMENT RESET.—In addition to amounts provided by other provisions of this title, \$7,800,000,000 is provided to the Army, and \$5,300,000,000 is provided to the Marine Corps, to fund equipment reset requirements resulting from continuing combat operations.

(b) Designation as Emergency Requirements.—The amounts provided under subsection (a) are designated as appropriations for contingency operations directly related to the Global War on Terrorism, and other unanticipated defense-related operations, pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 376 (109th Congress), as made applicable to the House of Representatives by H. Con. Res. 818 (109th Congress), and are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of S. Con. Res. 83 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, as made applicable in the Senate by section 7035 of Public Law 109–234.

**SA 4752.** Mr. INOUYE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, include the following new provision:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. The Secretary of Defense shall make available to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission established by section 8162(b) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2000 (16 U.S.C. 431 note; 113 Stat. 1274), \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SA 4753. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table: as follows:

At the end of title IX, add the following: SEC. 9012. (a) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ARMY EQUIPMENT AND WAR RESERVE SECONDARY ITEMS.—

- (1) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY.—The amount appropriated by chapter 2 of this title under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY" is hereby increased by \$6,326,000,000.
- (2) AVAILABILITY.—Of the amount appropriated by chapter 2 of this title under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY", as increased by paragraph (1)—
- (A) \$6,000,000,000 may be available for the repair and maintenance of Army equipment; and
- (B) \$326,000,000 may be available for war reserve secondary items.
- (3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts available under paragraph (2) for the purposes specified in that paragraph are in addition to any other amounts available in this Act for such purposes.
- (b) REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND PROCURE-MENT OF MARINE CORPS EQUIPMENT.—
- (1) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS.—The amount appropriated by chapter 2 of this title under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS" is hereby increased by \$1,500,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be available for the repair and maintenance of Marine Corps equipment.
- (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS.—The amount appropriated by chapter 3 of this title under the heading "PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS" is hereby increased by \$2,400,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be available for procurement of Marine Corps equipment.
- (3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts available under paragraphs (1) and (2) for the purpose specified in the applicable paragraph are in addition to any other amounts available in this Act for such purpose.

**SA 4754.** Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$2,000,000 may be available for Medical Advanced Technology (PE #603002A) for Tissue Engineering Research.

**SA 4755.** Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes;

which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY", up to \$2,500,000 may be available for the Wireless Maritime Inspection System as part of the Smartship Wireless Project of the Navy.

**SA 4756.** Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$3,000,000 may be available for Medical Advanced Technology (PE #603002A) for research and development on Applied Emergency Hypothermia.

SA 4757. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$3,000,000 may be available for Weapons and Munitions Advanced Technology (PE #603004A) for Advanced Switching and Cooling Concepts for Electromagnetic Gun Applications.

SA 4758. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. Not later than December 31, 2006, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the assessment of the Secretary regarding the Uranium Sensing and Treatment for Removal program of the Department of Defense.

**SA 4759.** Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title III under the heading "OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY", up to \$2,600,000 may be available for the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment for the New Jersey National Guard.

**SA 4760.** Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY.—The amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY" is hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", as increased by subsection (a), up to \$2,000,000 may be available for support of design enhancements and continued testing of the Para foil Joint Precision Air Drop System (JPADS) design parachute system for the drop of 5-ton and 15-ton loads to precise locations from high altitude and greater offset distance.

(c) OFFSET.—Of the amount appropriated by title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE" is hereby decreased by \$2,000,000.

SA 4761. Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8109. (a) PROCUREMENT OF CLASS IV UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS IN FISCAL YEAR 2007.—The Secretary of the Army shall provide for the procurement during fiscal year 2007 of eight Class IV Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the Army as provided for in the budget of the President for fiscal year 2007 (as submitted to Congress for such fiscal year under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code).

(b) TACTICS AND DOCTRINE IN USE OF CLASS IV UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.—

(1) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY.—
The amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY" is hereby increased by \$29,000,000.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNT.—Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", as increased by paragraph (1), \$29,000,000 may be available for experimentation and refinement of tactics and doctrine in the use of the Class IV unmanned aerial vehicles procured pursuant to subsection (a) and two ground stations associated with such vehicles.

(3) Offset.—The amount appropriated by title II under the heading "Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide" is hereby reduced by \$29,000,000.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2006, at 11 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in open session, to receive testimony on the Boeing Company Global Settlement Agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 2:15 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 10 a.m. in 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building for a hearing on nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 2 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 226.

Panel I: TBA.

Panel II: Peter D. Keisler to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Panel III: Judge Valerie L. Baker to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; Francisco Augusto Besosa to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico; Judge Philip S. Gutierrez to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS
Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask

unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 9 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Offshore Abuses: The Enablers, The Tools and Offshore Secrecy."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND WATER

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water be authorized to hold a hearing on interpreting the effect of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in the joint cases of Rapanos v. United States, and Carabell v. U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers on "The Waters of the United States"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Matt Miller and Justin Cohen of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor during the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ms. Lisa Raimondo, a legislative fellow assigned to my office, be afforded the privilege of the floor during the consideration of H. R. 5631, the Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### CONGRATULATING THE MAGEN DAVID ADOM SOCIETY IN ISRAEL

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 113, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 113) congratulating the Magen David Adom Society in Israel for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 113) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. CON. RES. 113

Whereas international humanitarian law is, quintessentially, about principle, establishing standards of conduct that can not be breached under any circumstance, or for any calculation of political efficacy or utility;

Whereas the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide institution in which all national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have equal status, whose mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found, without discrimination;

Whereas the Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) Society is the national humanitarian society in Israel and has performed heroically, aiding all in need of assistance, on a purely humanitarian basis,